



Rota - Reel

The Rotary Club of Valdosta

"A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club"



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This Weeks Program

PolioPlus



Did you know that more than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to eradicate polio? Polio eradication is within our grasp. But if we don't eradicate the disease now, the risk of crippling and deadly polio outbreaks will continue to threaten the world's children.

Our own Dr. **William Tidmore** will be speaking today to bring us up to date on what's happening in the fight against polio.



This Week At A Glance

Program:

Polio Plus

Dr. William "Billy" Tidmore

Greeters:

Marshall Conner

Bruce Cousins

Rotary International

Rotarians in Pakistan Boost Polio Eradication, Flood Relief



Polio eradication workers and resources have been mobilized to support flood-relief efforts for millions of displaced people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab, Pakistan, many of whom are living in camps with poor sanitation.

The country's extensive polio eradication infrastructure is being used to help assess needs and monitor water-borne and epidemic diseases. Polio epidemiologists and surveillance officers in the worst-affected areas are equipped with vehicles, radios, satellite phones, vital medicines, and potable-water tanks.

The floods killed an estimated 1,500 people and have affected more than 20 million others, according to the United Nations. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the disaster the worst that the UN has seen.

The flooding has severely strained the region's health care system, including the cold chain, which is critical for transporting the polio vaccine at the appropriate temperature.

"The floods all over Pakistan have made polio eradication more difficult and challenging. We are trying to give polio drops to children in the camps, and we hope to continue doing it," said Pakistan PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon.

"There is a very real risk of a substantial expansion of transmission in the second half of 2010," reported the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. To prevent that from happening, National Immunization Days (NIDs) were scheduled for September and October, aimed at reaching 24 million children under age five. Rotary International funded 90,000 vaccine carriers for the September NIDs.

The flood victims have many needs, and throughout Pakistan, the family of Rotary has offered assistance. Rotary and Rotaract clubs in districts 3271 and 3272, which cover Pakistan and Afghanistan, are working within their region to help provide food, clothing, medical care, and shelter.

Kashif Aziz and Baldev Kumar Maheshwari, both doctors in the Rotary Club of Samaro, Sind, and other Rotarians ran a medical camp at Pir Patho in late August and early September, treating more than 2,300 patients. Rotarians also distributed 200 bags of food, 2,000 items of clothing, and 300 pairs of shoes at the camp, under the supervision of club president Nadeem Nabi Kaim Khani.



Pakistan PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon (center, in yellow cap) and other Rotarians visit a camp for people displaced by floods. Photo courtesy of Aziz Memon



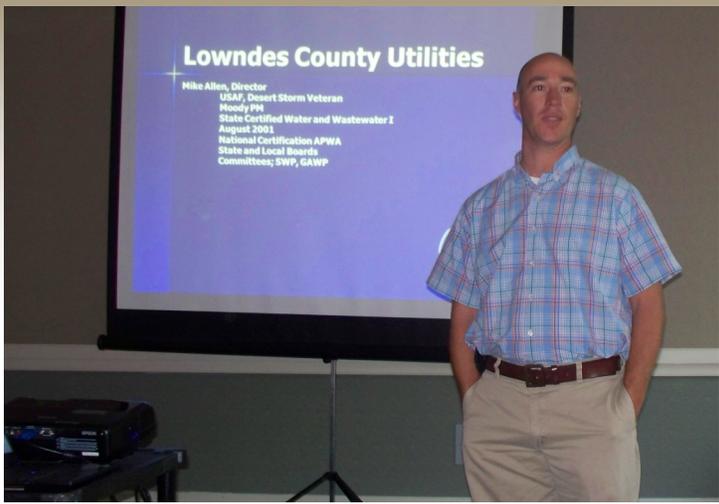


Attendance & Donations

Attendance:
53 of 104 Members

Happy Dollars:
\$129.00

Literacy Cups:
\$42.33



Last week's program was brought to us by Mike Allen, Director of Lowndes County Utilities. Allen presented the new water and sewage master plan.



Elizabeth invited the club to join her at the Turner Center for the Arts on November 11 at 7:30 PM for a musical tribute to the music of World War II.

Seating is limited and a special discount is being offered to veterans and their spouses.

For more information, call the Turner Center at (229) 247-ARTS.



Elizabeth Jones (l) provided beautiful music for us to enjoy during lunch. She also accompanied the club as Jack Hartley led us in our weekly song.



Claire Lee greeted our guests and brought our Sunshine Report last week. After calling for happy dollars, she shared a couple of stories to help inspire us all to "do the right thing" by helping others. Thank you for brightening our day Claire!

If you have a funny story or an encouraging word, we are always looking for Rotarians to help in this capacity. Please see Donald Davis or Chris Roan to volunteer.



Meet Dr. William "Billy" Tidmore

Dr. William "Billy" Tidmore is a rheumatologist/internist here in Valdosta. He was born in Athens, grew up in Albany and has lived in Valdosta for 13 years. He attended Emory and did his residency and fellowship at Johns Hopkins.

Billy is married to Jennifer Lawrence who is also an internist/endocrinologist and they have Valdosta Specialty Clinic. The couple has two children. Josie is a third grader at Valwood School and George is in kindergarten.

Dr. Tidmore, a Paul Harris Fellow, has a special interest in Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio and has designated his foundation contributions to RI's PolioPlus program.



Dr. William "Billy" Tidmore

Rotary Family and Fellowship

Combined Rotary Family Picnic



Rotary Family Picnic

The Valdosta North Rotary Club has invited us and Valdosta Sunrise to join them for a "Family of Rotary" tailgate party in Drexel Park from 12-2 on Saturday, **November 6** when VSU plays West Georgia. According to Marty Rogers, Valdosta North president, "We will once again have barbeque and hope to have a few additions this year for the kids to enjoy." We will discuss this at the meeting, so please check your calendars!

If you have any ideas for family and fellowship activities, please contact

Nancy Warren at:

warrennd@bellsouth.net.

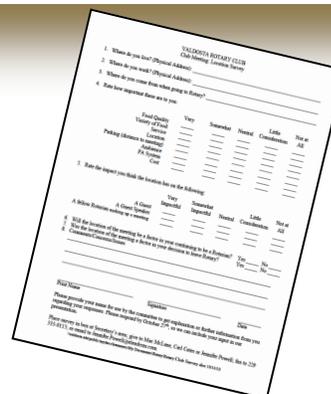
Membership Survey

Our current contract with the Rainwater Conference Center will end in December. Your board will soon decide on whether to renew this contract or to enter into an agreement with another establishment. Our desire is to continue to do what is best for the club. In order to do that, we need to hear from YOU.

To help guide the club with gathering information on this matter, President **Walter Elliott** has asked Past Presidents **Carl Cates**, **Mac McLane**, and **Jennifer Powell** to devise a method of determining where the membership stands on this decision. Their mission is strictly to gather information and report their findings to the board. The board will then make a decision based on the information gathered.

If you did not receive a club meeting survey via email, please see **Barbara Knight** at the desk for your copy. The purpose of this survey is to give each and every member the opportunity to tell the board what you are looking for in a meeting place, what you like, what you don't like, and how important the meeting place is to you.

We would like to have your responses by the end of today's meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please see **Carl Cates**, **Mac McLane** or **Jennifer Powell**.



*If you have not received a copy of the survey and would like to have one sent to you via fax or E-mail, please contact **Kerry Morris** at*

kwmorris@valdosta.edu.



Greeter Schedule

Date	Greeter 1	Greeter 2
October 27	Marshall Conner	Bruce Cousins
November 3	Joe Cordova	John Crawford
November 10	Ed Crane	Austen Carroll
November 17	V. L. Daughtery Jr.	Donald Davis

Greeters are assigned alphabetically using the roster found on the back of your Rota-Reel. Greeters play an important role in our weekly gathering, not only for our guests, but to each one of us as members. Greeters should be in place from 12:00 to 12:30. Please help by watching the schedule and knowing when you are scheduled. If for any reason you cannot serve on your scheduled date, please contact **Corinne Simmons** at corinne.simmons@themethodisthome.org or **Kerry Morris** at kwmorris@valdosta.edu.

Upcoming Programs & Meetings

November 3
Mongolian Excursions
Christine Roan

November 10
City of Valdosta
Mayor John Fretti

Club Projects and Activities

Club Service



MEMBERSHIP

Members are encouraged to help attract new members to the club.

ORIENTATION

New members are made familiar with the purpose and expectations of Rotary before induction.

FOUNDATION

Members work together to fund the goals of Rotary.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Rotarians who have made a cumulative contribution of \$1,000 are designated Paul Harris Fellows. Our club has achieved the status of a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR [EREY]

A project to get every member to donate \$100 a year to the Foundation. With that donation one becomes a sustaining member and takes part in fueling the economic engine of Rotary.



POLIO PLUS

A program that has helped eradicate polio throughout most of the world. With the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary is in the final push to eliminate it in Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria.

MEETINGS

Members coordinate weekly greeters, song leaders, invocation, and Sunshine Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN PROGRAM

Top Valdosta State University public relations students compete for the opportunity to assist the club with its PR activities. They work with a club member to disseminate news about the impact of Rotary within the club and district and in the community. For this, each is awarded a stipend.

BULLETIN

The weekly Rota-Reel gives information about programs, activities, members, and events.

WEBMASTER

Our website www.valdostarotary.org is a gateway to Rotary for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

Vocational Service



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER [LEAD]

The dinner has two objectives: to recognize and honor the officers of the year; and to build the Rotary Law Enforcement Fund, which can be used to assist officers and their families in times of special need.

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Our club recognizes persons within our community that have demonstrated outstanding vocational and occupational service. Nominations are submitted by our members, and the award is presented to the winner during a club meeting.

Community Service

HAPPY DOLLARS / GUEST SPEAKER

Money raised from members wanting to make announcements at club meetings. The money is used to buy books in honor of our guest speakers, and the books are placed in our local library.

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST [CART]

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, CART containers are passed around the tables. The money collected is sent to the Trust which distributes funds to selected research institutions. 100% of the money goes towards research for a cure.



IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Rotary clubs of Valdosta, Valdosta North, and Valdosta Sunrise are working with the Ferst Foundation and the Dolly Parton Foundation to raise money for books for pre-school children in Lowndes County. Children enrolled in the program receive an Imagination Library book - from *The Little Engine that Could* to *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come* - each month until age five.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN EDUCATION [CPIE] - Our club is partnered with Valdosta's and Lowndes County's only Title I public schools to provide educational Assistance.

● PAUSE TO PASS / SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Cups are passed at each table every week. The money raised is donated to the libraries at J.L. Lomax and Pine Grove Elementary Schools, our CPIE schools.

● MAGAZINES FOR STUDENTS

Magazines are brought to the meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. They are collected as members walk in and taken to J.L. Lomax School for children to read.

● READING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Members of our club go to J.L. Lomax to help teachers with under-privileged children. Activities include helping with reading, math, and general mentoring.

RING THE BELL

Our club volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army for one day during the Christmas season. Members sign up to ring the bell for one hour.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Our Club participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our mile is on US 84, just east of the intersection with Inner Perimeter Road.



TRAVELERS ASSISTANCE

Club members help people involved in accidents while traveling through Valdosta get back on the road.

New Generations

INTERACT

Interact is the high school version of Rotary. Students ages 14-18 are able to participate. Each Interact Club is sponsored by a Rotary Club. Our club sponsors Interact Clubs at Georgia Christian School, Lowndes High School, Valdosta High School, and Valwood.



ROTARACT

Rotaract is the college version of Rotary. Our club sponsors the Rotaract club of Valdosta State University. The VSU faculty advisor is *John Gaston*.



SPEECH CONTEST

The High School Speech Contest is a District 6920 sponsored contest to introduce students in our District to the concepts and workings of Rotary. These students compete in a contest in the local clubs, and the top two contestants from each club advance to the Zone competition. The winner from the Zone will present his or her speech at the District Conference and receive a check for \$1,000.



GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM [GRSP]

Our club helps sponsor a foreign student to attend VSU for one year. A family from our club helps host the student during his or her stay in Valdosta.



WILL WATT

Rotarians who have made a cumulative contribution of \$1000 to GRSP are designated Will Watt Fellows.

International Service

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Our Club, in conjunction with Rotary clubs in another country, sponsors a community project in that country. The Rotary Club of Valdosta has participated in a number of international projects, such as: earthquake relief in Haiti and Chile, and providing water filtration units for households in Rancho Dolores, Belize River Valley, Belize.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Each year our District pairs with a district in another country to exchange Rotary-led teams of young professionals who are not Rotarians.





Rotary District
6920

Club
4220

Established
1919

Officers
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Area Rotary Meetings

Valdosta North
Tuesday - 12:15 p.m.
Rainwater Conference Center

Valdosta Sunrise
Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Kinderlou Ravine

Nashville, GA
Tuesday - Noon
Cadillac Ranch

Tifton, GA
Tuesday & Wednesday - Noon
Holiday Inn

Quitman, GA
Thursday - Noon
Presbyterian Home

Madison, FL
Wednesday - Noon
E & J's Restaurant

h Joyce Aigen	h John Gaston	h Tyrone O'Steen
h*w Sam Allen	h Wendell Godbee	pp'h John Page 2003-2004
h*w Myrna Ballard	h Bob Goddard, III	h Keven Parks
Anne Barnas	h Tim Golden	h Henry Parrish
Felecia Barnes	h Tom Gooding	pp'h Suzannah Patterson 2005-2006
pp'h Richard Barnes 2006-2007	Lacie Guy	Charles Powell
h*w Keith Barrett	h*w Owen Harris	pp'h*w Jennifer Powell 1993-1994
pp'h*w Bill Booth 1999-2000	h Jack Hartley	pp'h*w Malcolm Rainey
h Ron Borders	h Jack Hearn	h*w Patsy Reaves
h Bo Broadfoot	h Arthur Herndon	h Greg Reid
h*w Nathan Brown	Skip Holmes	h*w Chris Roan
h*w Stacy Bush	h Al Howell	h Bert Rutland
h Sandy Campbell	h*w Bill Kent	h*w Randy Sauls
h Mason Caracciolo	Barbara Knight	h Wes Sewell
Austen Carroll	h Sharon LaBranche	h Corinne Simmons
pp'h*w Carl Cates 2008-2009	h*w John LaHood	h Arthur Smith
h Patti Clark	h Claire Lee	h Steven Smith
h Russ Collett	h Bill Lester	h*w Richard Stalvey
pp'h Marshall Conner 1997-1998	h Jerry Long	Anne Kathryn Stone
pp'h*w Joe Cordova 1977-1978	h Terri Lupo	Alison Still
h Bruce Cousins	pp'h*w Tim Mabe	h Joe Stubbs
h Lee Cox	pp'h Dennis Marks 2009-2010	pp'h Robert Stump
pp'h*w Ed Crane	pp'h*w Billy Martin 1985-1986	h*w John Thomas
John Crawford	h Greg Martin	h William Tidmore
pp'h*w V.L. Daughtery Jr. 2002-2003	pp'h*w Richard May	pp'h*w Al Turner 1992-1993
h Donald Davis	pp'h*w Arthur McLane 1984-1985	pp'h*w Nicholas Valenti 2000-2001
pp'h James Dominey 2007-2008	pp'h*w Tyson McLane 1972-1973	h Donnie Warren
h Beverly Edwards	h*w Roy McNeal	h*w Nancy Warren
h John Edwards	h Harriet Messcher	h Ryan Williams
h Moshe Elbaz	Zach Miller	h Ed Willis
p'h Walter Elliott	Bob Montgomery	h Clint Wills
h Trey Fausett	Walter Moody	h Rich Yokeley
h Bill Feimster	h Bob Moon	
h John Fretti	h Kerry Morris	
h Bob Ganzak	h Casey Music	
h Laverne Gaskins	Ivan Nikolov	

h Paul Harris Fellow
w Will Watt Fellow
p Club President
pp Past President

FOUR-WAY TEST

ROTARIANS STRIVE TO LIVE AND CONDUCT BUSINESS USING THESE GUIDELINES

- ✓ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✓ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✓ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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